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Cyber Crimes
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a rise in cyber crimes and hacking of official websites in the country recently;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported and the number of persons arrested during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received the recommendations of the expert committee set up to find the means and ways of stopping cyber crimes and suggest roadmap for tackling this menace effectively and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has decided to set up Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre and Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures taken by the Government to check cyber crimes and hacking in the country in view of the fact that online transactions are being promoted along with the measures taken to find out the sources of hackers and neutralising them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

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(a) & (b): As per the information provided by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), a total number of 155, 164, 199 and 39 websites of Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments were hacked during the year 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 (upto February, 2017) respectively. The information regarding State/UT-wise cases registered and persons arrested as a result of cyber crime during the period 2013 to 2015 is at Annexure-I. The data for the year 2016 is under compilation.

(c): Government had constituted an Expert Group to study the gaps and challenges in handling cyber crimes in the country and prepare a road-map for effectively tackling Cyber Crimes and give recommendations on all facets of Cyber Crime. Based on the recommendations of the Expert Group, the Cyber Crime prevention against Women and Children(CCPWC) scheme has been approved by the Government.

(d): The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) scheme has been placed before the Competent Authority for appraisal and the Government has already approved CCPWC which inter alia, aims at setting up an online cyber crime reporting platform, cyber forensic training cum laboratories in States/UTs, R&D facilities and capacity building in law enforcement agencies against cyber crime across the nation.
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(e): Government has taken legal, policy and institutional measures to check/address cyber crimes. The IT Act 2000 (as amended in 2008) lays down the framework to deal with cyber crimes. India is working for bilateral cooperation with around 15 countries for exchange of information/data pertaining to cyber crimes and related cooperation in law enforcement. Government has established National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre for protection of Critical Information Infrastructure in the country. The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) issues alerts and advisories regarding latest cyber threats and countermeasures on regular basis. Reserve bank of India (RBI) issues circulars/advisories to all Commercial Banks.

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